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Dr. Carol A. Couch
Director, Georgia Environmental Protection Division
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2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive
Suite 1152 East Tower
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Dear Dr. Couch,

I am writing to let you know as Mayor of the City of Sandersville and on behalf of the City Council, we fully support Plant Washington.

With recent cut backs in the Kaolin and other industry, Washington County is in dire need of an enterprise that will bring jobs to our area and a boost to our tax base. I believe that Plant Washington will be a very valuable asset to our economy in Washington County.

I believe that with oversight from the Georgia EPD, Plant Washington will become a viable operation.

Sincerely,

me

Jimmy Andrews

Mayor

City of Sandersville

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## RESOLUTION #2009-02: A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PLANT WASHINGTON

WHEREAS, Power4Georgians has chosen to locate Plant Washington near Sandersville in Washington County, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Plant Washington will supply upwards of 1,500 jobs during the construction phase of the projects; and

WHEREAS, Plant Washington will provide 125 good paying, full time jobs once operations commence; and

WHEREAS, Plant Washington will offer business opportunities that result in literally hundreds of jobs, in other industries in the region that support daily operations; and

WHEREAS, Plant Washington will provide our local governments with much needed revenue in the form of taxes and fees; and

WHEREAS, Plant Washington will help keep electric rates low for the citizens and businesses of our community; and

WHEREAS, Plant Washington will supply 850 megawatts of base-load power to meet the ever growing demand for electricity in this region; and

WHEREAS, Plant Washington will be a state-of-the-art facility, designed to be extremely efficient and protective of our environment; and

WHEREAS, Plant Washington will be much cleaner and produce far fewer emissions than older power plants; and

WHEREAS, the advanced engineering designs upon which Plant Washington will be built have proven to be safe and reliable in similar facilities around the world;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that due to the many benefits that the citizens and businesses of our region will derive from its presence and operations, the Mayor and City Council of the CITY OF SANDERSVILLE do hereby declare their support for Plant Washington.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City of Sandersville, Georgia the 21<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2009.

Attest:

CITY OF SANDERSVILLE, GEORGIA

dames W. Andrews, Mayor

Karrie Brown, City Clerk

#### KATHY J. THOMASON

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October 19, 2009

Dr. Carol A. Couch, Director Georgia Environmental Protection Division Georgia Department of Natural Resources 2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive Suite 1152 East Tower Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Dr. Couch:

Please accept this letter as support of Plant Washington - the consortium effort of Power4Georgians EMCs to build a modern, state-of-the-art, supercritical, coal-fueled power plant. As a multi-generational citizen of Jasper County, Georgia, taxpayer, and consumer, I believe the project's overarching theme to provide "Clean, Affordable Power for Georgians by Georgians" is essential to maintain the quality of life we have been blessed to enjoy. Furthermore, we must make provisions for future generations while protecting our environment as well as human health.

I was employed for many years as the finance director for Jasper County Board of Education. During those years, I was able to work collaboratively with Central Georgia Electric Membership Corporation to provide electric service for three new schools. We shared the common goal of reliable, affordable service to support a quality education program for the students and taxpayers of our community. I first learned about plans for the Plant Washington project through my work with the school system. Jasper County's school district is grouped with Baldwin, Hancock, Johnson, Putnam, Washington, and Wilkinson counties and served by Oconee Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA). Oconee RESA is located in Washington County and provides support to Jasper County schools in many areas including school improvement.

The economic benefits of the \$2.1 billion capital investment in the power station will not be limited to Washington County. The construction of this plant will not only meet our need for clean and affordable power, it will provide a much needed economic stimulus for this area of our state.

I hope your agency will evaluate the applications and expedite the issuance of necessary permits to proceed with the construction of Plant Washington. Thanks for your consideration of these comments from an "everyday citizen" who appreciates the role you and your organization play in supporting and monitoring progress of projects such as this that help to make our state and community a wonderful place to call home.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Carol A. Couch Director, Georgia Environmental Protection Division 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. Suite 1152 East Tower Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Dr. Couch:

I am writing this letter to show our support for the Plant Washington Project. We feel that for the continued growth of our area, a stable and plentiful supply of electricity is on everyone's critical list. To attract new industry and to continue to provide uninterrupted electrical service to existing customer load is an essential factor for all.

There is no doubt the 850-megawatt base load unit is necessary for continued growth of the population in South Georgia and the EMC's which serve the population. Having a sustainable base supply of electrical power can enable the grid it serves, to upgrade for future growth in the area.

Concerning environmental issues, there have been many coal-fired power plants constructed in the United State for several years. By now, most of the environmental issues have been addressed and solutions have been found for variances. Coal is plentiful and a good energy source.

The job creation that will start at once is an issue of immediate need within a rural area. These are jobs from mud slinging rough-necks to highly sophisticated IT operators, all of which are needed. The labor pool from this area can meet and supply the needs of this facility.

Again, please consider our strong support for our Central GA EMC and our support for the much needed Plant Washington Project.

Sincerely,

Melinda B. Atha

**Executive Director** 

Alan P. Pryor
President
Evergreen Approach, LLC
312 North Main Street
Tennille, GA 31089

I would like to welcome and thank the members of the EPD for taking their time to come and visit Washington County on so many occasions including tonight. They have spent countless hours understanding the complexities of the water, site suitability and air permits submitted for Plant Washington. I thank them also for their diligence, attention to detail and speed in delivering the draft permits.

Although Plant Washington will be an eventual competitor of mine, I have spoken in favor of building a coal-fired power plant ever since the idea was first proposed. After the non-local opposition that was received while trying to get two much smaller natural gas peak use power plants to locate in Washington County, I knew I had better speak up tonight. The people opposed to this plant are the same ones who opposed the gas plants. In a recent presentation a bragging point for GreenLaw was they had cost another power plant over \$50MM in fees and fines, which simply raised the rates for the customers of that plant. Eventually, all "business" taxes are paid by individual customers in the form of higher prices. I ask in that case who really was the "winner"? Those opposed have no viable alternative to this \$2.1B investment in the county, and it appears they will oppose anything that diversifies our industry, adds wealth to the county and depth to the tax digest.

In the 9 years my family and I have lived here, this is by far the largest proposed investment in Washington County. Our Industrial Authority and Chamber of Commerce have done a great job in attracting investment of several manufacturing companies and now have succeeded in attracting this colossal power plant.

The benefits of an investment this size are being grossly understated by the opposition. In addition to construction jobs and permanent jobs, there are supporting jobs that will evolve as a result. As in the mining industry, the estimate of supporting jobs in the restaurant, hotel, retail, and other businesses is between 2 and 3 jobs for every permanent job in Plant Washington. Real property values will also go up as more highly paid workers rent or buy housing in Washington County. Even if Plant Washington receives a partial tax abatement for the first few years, the taxes paid by the plant will prevent raising the millage rate on the rest of us and will also be paying sales taxes on their sales. Their employees will pay sales taxes in and around the county.

Just as the opposition has grossly understated the value of the investment to the county, they have also exaggerated the harm it will cause to the environment. The permit proves that this plant will emit less than 7% of the emissions from the older plants in operation today. The pollutants from Plant Washington will be made moot if even one of the older plants makes a 10% improvement in its emission profile.

The disgruntled, but highly vocal few should not be allowed to let feelings get in the way of fact. They, especially those who do not live in Washington County, should not be allowed to derail our county's progress. You can bet that our opponents will benefit and be happier with their future electric bills because this fine company and because

many of the upstanding citizens here tonight supported a good idea and investment.

I am proud to support Plant Washington. It is an honor and a privilege to be part of the solution to our energy needs. I look forward to helping Plant Washington succeed in any way I can.

Sincerely,

Alan P. Pryor

President

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October 22, 2009

Dr. Carol Couch
Director, Georgia EPD
GA Department of Natural Resources
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive
Suite 1152 East Tower
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

**RE: Plant Washington** 

Dear Dr. Couch,

I am writing to you today to encourage you to move forward in support of Plant Washington. Through this measure, you play such an integral role in continuing to help build the infrastructure that not only will create jobs in a rural area of Georgia, but will also continue to build and expand the electrical grid that is vital for prosperity and economic growth in our state.

While I am no expert in environmental conservation, I am completely confident that your agency will oversee the regulatory aspects that will assure all Georgians and the people of Washington County that the utmost care and planning has been put into place, ensuring optimum technologies used to develop this plant will not harm the health of the citizens nor endanger the environment or ecological system of Washington County.

Living in a county that has been hit hard by this economic downturn, I understand the implications that a facility of this magnitude would have upon an economically stressed and underserved rural area of Georgia and of the job creation that will benefit an entire region. Again, I must stress the importance of strengthening our electrical grid system across our state which is a major factor in attracting commerce and industry to our area.

Let's move forward and garner a positive future for Washington County, the State of Georgia, Plant Washington and our citizens by approving and issuing the necessary permits required to get this vital project underway.

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President/Executive Director

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October 22, 2009

Dr. Carol Couch
Director, Georgia Environmental Protection Division
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2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive
Suite 1152 East Tower
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Dr. Couch,

I fully support the efforts of Power4Georgians to build and operate Plant Washington. Georgians need reliable, cost effective base load power, and Plant Washington will provide this electricity with safe and environmentally responsible technology.

I have been to several Question and Answer sessions put on by your department and the slide that coalesced the whole subject for me was one on future emissions. The slide showed that by 2015 with the pollution controls being put on at Plant Branch and Plant Scherer and with Plant Washington online that the air quality in our area would dramatically improve. SO2 emissions would drop 94%, NOx by 70%, and Mercury levels by 10%. These numbers are very powerful and demonstrate the types of environmentally friendly actions taken by these utilities are good for the area while providing future power.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the very positive impact Plant Washington will have on the community. Our county needs new jobs, funding to support improvement to roads, schools, law enforcement, and emergency services. This \$2 billion plant investment is the economic development opportunity for Washington County of a lifetime. Washington County has lost over 400 jobs in the past eighteen months, and Plant Washington would provide 130 full time jobs that can't be lost to China or India because we can't import electricity.

In summary, while I do not speak for anyone else, I do see and talk to a lot of people in our community from all walks of life. Overwhelmingly, Washington Countians support this plant because of the reasons outlined above. Please approve this final permit so Power4Georgians can commence work on this power plant.

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October 22, 2009

Dr. Carol A. Couch Director, Georgia Environmental Protection Division Georgia Department of Natural Resources 2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive Suite 1152 East Tower Atlanta, Ga. 30334

Dear Dr. Couch:

I am writing today in support of Plant Washington.

It is my understanding that we are on a course such that by the end of the next decade the power supply in this state will be inadequate to fully address even our basic needs. The thought of possible blackouts, brownouts and other shortages will be much more that just an inconvenience. In addition to having a negative effect on the economy of the state, I feel that hospitals, law enforcement and public safety might be severely compromised.

I first heard of this project at a Rotary program. I am impressed with the modern technologies that make coal-fired facilities of today so much better that those of the past. It is my belief that this plant will be safe and protective of our environment and human health. I believe that your agency will see to it that operations are always conducted within the strictest of environmental regulations and this plant will assist in providing all of Georgia's citizens and businesses with the power they need for years to come.

I am hopeful your agency will approve the necessary permits that will allow this project to become a reality.

Sincerely,

David Haisten

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Dr. Carol A. Couch Director, Georgia Environmental Protection Division Georgia Department of Natural Resources 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive Suite 1152 East Tower

Dear Dr. Couch,

Atlanta, GA 30334

I am writing you today to express my support for the proposed Plant Washington. There are a number of reasons that I feel this plant to be important.

- 1- The need for energy continues to grow along with Georgia's population. Plant Washington will provide much needed power to supply that demand.
- 2- The construction project will provide many much needed jobs to the area and to Georgia. The economic benefit at this time should not be understated.
- 3- The plant will have a continued positive economic impact for the region due to the jobs it will provide.
- 4- We, the United States, have an abundant supply of coal. We need to utilize this natural resource to reduce our nation's need for foreign energy.
- 5- The technology and the oversight are available to assure both safety and protection to humans and to our environment.

I grew up in the Monroe and Butts County area and remember the discussions and resistance to the construction of Plant Scherer in Juliette, Georgia. Many of those who initially opposed the construction of the plant have now benefited from its existence through jobs and reduced property taxes. Those same people now speak favorably of the plant and enjoy the recreation available because of the lake created there.

I, therefore, am respectfully requesting that, as you move forward with the permitting process for this project, you will consider the positive benefits of Plant Washington's construction and operation and rule favorably on the project.

Sincerely,

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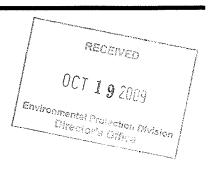
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October 15, 2009

Dr. Carol A. Couch
Director, GA Environmental Protection Agency
GA Dept. of Natural Resources
2 Martin Luther King Drive
Suite 1152 East Tower
Atlanta, GA 30334



Dear Dr. Couch:

I am writing in support of a new coal-fired power plant in Washington County. I believe that we must make provisions for the increasing energy needs of our state and be in a position to offer electric energy that is safe, reliable and affordable to attract new industry.

I am a strong proponent of protecting our environment, and I believe that this plant will utilize state of the art emission controls to strictly comply with the requirements of the Clean Air Act. I fully support holding it accountable to strict environmental standards, and I believe that this can be accomplished in this plant.

Our state does not have the wind and solar energy opportunities available in others, and we must not abandon coal as an energy source to meet our on-going needs. The economic investment in Plant Washington, including the massive investment in environmental controls, will create jobs and provide much needed tax dollars for our state. For all these reasons, I support moving ahead with this plant and ask for your consideration. Thank you.

Martha Farrar

295 West Adams Street, Tennille, Georgia 31089.



Dr Carole Couch, Director, Georgia EPD, 2, Martin Luther King Drive, Atlanta, GA 30334.

Dear Dr Couch,

This letter is in support of the construction of Plant Washington in Washington County.

I attended the question and answer session in Sandersville on October  $6^{th}$ . I was amazed at the thoroughness with which the environmental impact had been studied and how well the questions were answered by both your staff and the representatives of the proposed plant.

Having worked all my life in the world of scientists and engineers it became apparent to me that this was truly going to be a state of the art facility with remarkably little impact on the environment, something we will be proud of.

I really appreciate the work the EPD has put into this project. It gave me great confidence that your people really knew what they were doing in granting the draft permit and their ability to ensure environmental quality going forward.

I hope this project goes forward. It is needed.

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Yours sincerely

Derek Spry

October 14, 2009

Dr. Carol A. Couch
Director, Georgia Environmental Protection Division
Georgia Department of Natural Resources
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive
Suite 1152 East Tower
Atlanta, GA 30334

**RE: Plant Washington** 

Dear Dr. Couch:

I wanted to write you a quick note expressing my support for Plant Washington. As a degreed engineer, I truly understand the importance of additional resources when it comes to providing additional power to meet the needs of a growing state.

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Environmental Protection Division
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Georgia will need every megawatt of electricity Plant Washington can produce and place on the state's power grid. The thought of possible blackouts, brownouts, and other shortages portends much more than just an inconvenience. I'm concerned that hospitals, law enforcement and public safety might be severely compromised.

I have every confidence that with technological advancements in coal-fired power and regulatory oversight, Plant Washington will protect our environment and the health of our people and provide the energy needed to grow our state and economy.

I am hopeful your agency will approve the necessary permits that will allow this project to become a reality.

Sincerely,

Charles M. Maddox Retired Engineer

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October 4, 2009

Dr. Carol A. Couch Director, Georgia Environmental Protection Division Georgia Department of Natural Resources 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive Suite 1152 East Tower Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Dr. Couch:

**RE: Plant Washington** 

As a citizen of Washington County and a local businessman, I am concerned about the quality of life here for me as well as for my children and now my grandchildren. For so long this area has depended on the local kaolin industry for jobs. Over the past 15 years that industry has been cut nearly in half. Thanks to the hard work of our Chamber of Commerce and the Washington County Developmental Authority, we have had several new businesses to locate here since the kaolin industry's decline. However, with the recent economic downturn those businesses have had to cutback and one has even closed its doors.

After our national congress has bailed out the auto and banking industries and increased our national debt so much in the past year, it is crucial that we give the next generation something besides unemployment and low paying, minimum wage jobs to pay back the debt they will inherit. I consider it a blessing, an answer to prayer that our county was chosen as the site to build the new power plant. Plant Washington has already helped our county by giving hope to those who have been laid off and have family roots here in Washington County and do not want to uproot their kids and move from their family land, especially when there is no one here looking to buy the property they would have to sell before moving if another job elsewhere can be secured.

Plant Washington is a way of providing jobs now in the construction of the facility and good paying, secure jobs for those who want to raise their kids on the same land they were raised, attend the same schools they attended, and worship in the same churches where their grandparents worshiped. I want to see the same quality of life pass from one generation to the next, uninterrupted. I want to see Plant Washington built. I want to see our hotels and rental property in the county full of contract crews and those recently laid-

off back using their skills to build not just a plant but a more secure future for their children and grandchildren.

Many people reject the idea of a coal-powered plant here in our county. Coal companies spend millions annually in research to develop new methods in the burning of coal to insure the market for their product will not only continue to exist but will grow. The same people who protest the construction of this new clean coal burning facility also drive cars with the latest technological advances yet do not want to even listen to the advances made by the coal industry or to the environment-friendly method that will be used by Plant Washington. Please, listen to the experts in coal power and listen to the people who have worked so hard over the years to make the quality of life here in Washington County what it has been for so many years and help us to keep it that way for the generations to come.

Sincerely,

James Durden

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Environmental Protection Division Director's Office

October 2, 2009

Dr. Carol A. Couch Director, Georgia Environmental Protection Division Georgia Department of Natural Resources 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive Suite 1152 East Tower Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Dr. Couch:

Although I am not a citizen of Sandersville, Georgia or Washington County, I stand strongly supporting the construction of the efforts of Power4Georgians to build Plant Washington.

My feelings in this matter have to do with the disbursal of electrical energy in our state. In these troubled times the concentration of electricity production in one spot or even a very few spots is very dangerous and in many ways is also irresponsible.

The typical advantages that have accrued through the years on coal fired plants far outweigh any environmental dangers. This nation survives on abundant and cheap electricity and this plant will contribute to that asset.

I strongly support this and if you need any further thoughts from me, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I remain.

Very sincerely

October 9, 2009

Dr. Carol A. Couch Director, Georgia Environmental Protection Division 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive Suite 1152 East Tower Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Dr. Couch:

I am writing to express my support of the proposed coal-fired generation plant to be located near the city of Sandersville in Washington County, Georgia.

For over ten years I have worked in the electric industry and have witnessed first hand the demand for electricity to serve the homes and businesses in Georgia. These customers expect reliable, clean and affordable electricity and the proposed supercritical, coal-fired plant will be a large part of ensuring that need is met. We must plan now for generation to be available in the future to meet these needs.

I was delighted that Plant Washington received the draft permits and am confident that the Georgia EPD's final review of Plant Washington will find it is a safe and reliable generation facility desperately needed to meet the energy demands of Georgia and the economic demands of the local community.

Sincerely,

Wendy H. Sellers

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Plant Washington Comments
Georgia Environmental Protection Division
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive
Suite 1152, East Tower
Atlanta, GA 30334

To Whom It May Concern:

Please allow this correspondence to serve as my approval of the building of Plant Washington in Sandersville, Washington County, Georgia.

I have attended several public hearings, but was able to give my full attention to the presentation given at the Ridge Road School on October 6, 2009. I fully understand the economic benefits of the plant being built in this area, which include employment of local and area citizens and the increased tax revenues which will enhance the support of our community. I also understand the long-term threat of limited power resources, which this plant will help to avoid. Therefore, the building of this plant in Washington County has my full support.

As part of the informative presentation given by the EPD representatives, information on the disposal of the waste in dry form relieved my concerns of a reoccurrence of the TVA incident.

Again, the building of Plant Washington in Sandersville, Washington County, Georgia has my full support as a life long citizen of the county.

Sincerely,

Leigh McMillan Evans

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PO Box 6175

Sandersville, GA 31082

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Plant Washington Comments Georgia Environmental Protection Division 2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive Suite 1152-East Tower Atlanta, GA 30334

I am a long-time resident of Washington County, GA and I live within a few miles of the location for the coal-fired, electricity generating facility, Plant Washington, proposed for construction in Washington County. I am of the firm belief that the Georgia Environmental Protection Division and those who will operate Plant Washington, if permitted, will regulate and monitor the plant to the highest of standards with regard to environmental and health conditions.

There is a definite need for greater electrical energy generation in the future for Washington County and the state of Georgia. Without electricity to power homes, businesses and industries, the future for our state will be rather dim. Coal is the most affordable and abundant fuel available for generating safe, reliable and affordable electricity; now and into the future.

Based on the information that I have seen available about the construction and operation of Plant Washington, it will be a far cleaner facility than those that were constructed in the past. Therefore, I respectfully ask that my support in favor of the construction of Plant Washington be entered into the official record for such comments.

Truly/

William Durden

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## From the desk of E. K. May

DATE October 12, 2009

TO Dr. Carol A. Couch

SUBJECT Plant Washington Project

Dr. Couch,

We all know there will be a substantial shortfall of electrical power in Georgia if we don't build this power plant and even more or add to existing plants. This plant will serve a lot of people and the electrical cooperatives have gone out on a limb financially to get this project going.

I want to commend the environmental protection division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources for their diligence and for the setting of parameters that would continue to protect the environment, the people who live in this county and in this state.

E. K. May

*P. O. Box 6* ~

Tennille, Georgia 31089

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October 12, 2009

EPD Dr. Carol Couch 2 Martin Luther King Dr Suite 1152, East Tower Atlanta, GA 30334

**RE: Plant Washington** 

I write this letter to confirm my support for the construction of Plant Washington located in Washington County, Georgia. The demand for electricity and economic growth make the approval of this project the most important priority in my lifetime for the east central Georgia region.

Being from Washington County, I have a vested interest in the environment as well as the community. I am actively involved in land reclamation activities and serve on the Washington County Board of Education. I see first hand how we can utilize our natural resources while restoring them for future benefit. I have placed my faith in the appropriate regulatory agencies to guide this community safely thru the development of Plant Washington.

Plant Washington will give the east central Georgia area the opportunity to be good stewards of our environment as well as our community. I support any effort to construct this coal fired generating facility in Washington County.

Sincerely

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am in support of Plant Washington being built in Washington County. I am a resident of Washington County and have been for most of my life. I think that this facility will provide much needed jobs for our community.

Thank you,

Rhonda Wiggins

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To Whom It May Concern:

I have lived in Washington County my whole life. I would like to see more jobs come to Washington County. Therefore, I am in support of Plant Washington being built in Washington County.

Thank you,

Allen Wiggins

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

October 14, 2009

Dr. Carol A. Couch Director, Georgia EPD GA Department of Natural Resources 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive Suite 1152 East Tower Atlanta, GA 30334

RE: Plant Washington

Dear Dr. Couch,

I am writing to you to voice my support of additional sources of electricity for the citizens of Georgia. From my perspective, anything that places limits of the State or region's ability to attract industry is harmful to the State's economy and continued growth. In my role as both a board member of our local development authority and the Director of Economic Development for the Madison-Morgan County Chamber of Commerce I work closely with other state agencies to encourage industrial growth for the betterment of our state's citizens.

Like water, electricity is a valuable component to the mix of resources that are necessary to attract industry to sustain our growth and prosperity. While discussions on conservation are important and actually embarking on efforts to conserve energy should be part of everyone's future, the impact of those efforts will not fully mitigate the need for additional electricity plants.

While Georgia is pursuing nuclear power, it is essential that we maintain a mix of fuel sources for economic and diverse power production. I am aware that coal fired power plants can be problematic without proper controls. It is my understanding that this plant will comply with all regulations related to NOx and SOx production. It is also valuable to have electric power plants placed around the state to provide a better grid. This diversity of location and fuel source provides a more stable and efficient system for the delivery of this valuable resource so necessary to the prosperity of our state.

I encourage you to issue the necessary permits and controls to allow this project to move forward.

Sincerely,

Robert Hughes
Board Member

Development Authority of Morgan County

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October 1, 2009

Dr. Carol A. Couch
Director, Georgia Environmental Protection Division
Georgia Department of Natural Resources
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive
Suite 1152 East Tower
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Dr. Couch:

As a lifelong resident of Washington County I am writing to acknowledge my support of the efforts of Power4Georgians in building and operating Plant Washington near Sandersville, Georgia.

I have reviewed the issues relating to the project and also attended the first EPD public meeting. As a result, I am confident that technologies planned for this plant will assure we will have a facility that serves our growing electrical needs while offering maximum protection for our environment and human health.

I ask that you register my comments in your official record.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael A. Sheppard

Larry G. Mathis P. O. Box 842 Sandersville, GA 31082 September 30, 2009 RECEIVED

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Environmental Protection Division Director's Office

Dr. Carol A. Couch Director, Georgia Environmental Protection Division Georgia Department of Natural Resources 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive Suite 1152 East Tower Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Dr. Couch:

As a life-long resident of Washington County, I wish to express my support of Plant Washington in Sandersville, GA. I believe it is important for you to know that my family has owned land for seven generations on Mathis Road, which is adjacent to the proposed plant location. In addition, we also own a large tract of land on the Mayview Road, which is the residential site of our son's home. In other words, my family's land is very close to the proposed power plant site.

I am in favor of Plant Washington for the economic impact that the plant will have on our county, which is now experiencing a high unemployment rate. With the decline of the kaolin industry, it is imperative for our county to produce jobs for our citizens. We look forward to having over 100 full-time jobs available.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to place this letter on file with your official records.

Yours truly.

Larry **4**. Mathis

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Mark G Riner 430 Whippoorwill Lane Tennille, GA 31089

September 28, 2009

Dr. Carol A. Couch Director, Georgia EPD Georgia Department of Natural Resources 2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive Suite 1152 East Tower Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Dr. Couch:

I am a supporter for Plant Washington! Having lived here all my life and now seeing the devastating effects a slowing kaolin industry has on our community, I feel a boost to our economy is urgent. This coal plant designed to meet and/or exceed EPD standards will not only create full jobs within, but also create supporting jobs with other businesses. From available information, the state's power supply will come up short before too many more years and a permanent lower cost base power plant is necessary. Then why not build it right here where overwhelming support begs for it to locate here. It will provide approximately 1,500 construction jobs when building the facility and should help to get our community over the hump during this economic downturn.

It is true we have a few folks in local opposition to the project and perhaps a few more outside the community. It is disappointing to hear false information coming from opposition groups — even intimidating at times. When the final permit is issued, a lasting benefit to our community will also be permitted, therefore, I ask for your support as well. Please do not let a few nay-sayers in local opposition control the future of the community.

I respectfully ask you to include my "YES" in support of Plant Washington in your official record. Make Washington County & Georgia proud and put economic hope back in our future!

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Mark G Riner

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Environmental Protection Division Director's Office

Dr. Carol A. Couch
Director, Georgia Environmental Protection Division
Georgia Department of Natural Resources
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive
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Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Dr. Couch,

This letter is to voice my **support** for Plant Washington, a coal fired plant near Sandersville, Georgia. This plant will provide at least 1500 jobs during the construction and approximately 125 jobs at completion. This plant will make a difference in our community and I urge your support.

With Regards,

Sanders G. Mercer, Jr.

## A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PLANT WASHINGTON

WHEREAS: Power4Georgians has chosen to locate Plant Washington near

Sandersville in Washington County Georgia, and

WHEREAS: Plant Washington will supply upwards of 1,500 jobs during the

construction phase of the projects, and

WHEREAS: Plant Washington will provide about 125 good-paying, full-time jobs

once operations commence, and

WHEREAS: Plant Washington will offer business opportunities that result in

literally hundreds of jobs in other industries in the region that

support daily operations, and

WHEREAS: Plant Washington will provide our local governments with much

needed revenues in the form of taxes and fees, and

**WHEREAS:** Plant Washington will help keep electric rates low for the citizens

and businesses of our community, and

**WHEREAS:** Plant Washington will supply 850 megawatts of baseload power to

meet the ever growing demand for electricity in this region, and

**WHEREAS:** Plant Washington will be a state-of-the-art facility, designed to be

extremely efficient and protective of our environment, and

WHEREAS: Plant Washington will be much cleaner and produce far fewer

emissions than older power plants, and

**WHEREAS:** The advanced engineering designs upon which Plant Washington

will be built have proven to be safe and reliable in similar facilities

around the world,

**THEREFORE:** Because of the many benefits that the citizens and businesses of

our region will derive from its presence and operations, the

Washington County Chamber of Commerce offers this resolution of

unqualified support for Plant Washington.

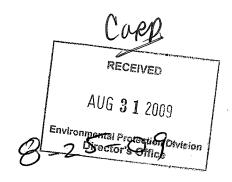
Resolution adopted this 8th day of September, 2009.

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President

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Chairman, Board of Directors



Dr. Carol A. Couch, Director, Georgia EPD Georgia Department of Natural Resources 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive Suite 1152 East Tower Atlanta, GA 30334

**RE: Plant Washington** 

Dear Dr. Carol A. Couch;

My family is in support of permitting and building the coal fired Plant Washington, Sandersville, GA. My family has lived many generations in Sandersville but eventually moved for economic reasons. I feel it is important to diversify our energy resources and to use US fuels like coal. We need to start investing in the United States and improving the lives of the citizens of Georgia. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dale S. Wiley, PE and family 3100 NE 48<sup>th</sup> ST, Apt 512

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Environmental Protection Division Director's Office

October 26, 2009

Dr. Carol A. Couch Director, Georgia EPD Ga. Dept of Natural Resources 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive Suite 1152 East Tower Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Mrs. Couch,

The purpose of this letter is to <u>strongly</u> support the much needed and critical effort of Power 4 Georgians to build and operate Plant Washington.

I have been a resident of Jackson, Georgia in Butts County for 26 years. During that time I have opened and operated Atlanta South 75 Travel Center at exit 201, I-75 in Butts County. Prior to that, I was with Union Oil of California in many capacities including Manager of Planning, Manager of Purchasing and Director of Marketing for the corporation. One of my key responsibilities at Unocal was the planning of new facilities, i.e. Interstate Truckstops. The very first question we asked was about adequate, better yet, better that adequate water and power supplies!

Here in Jackson, I'm Director of Rotary Community Affairs, Chairman of Partner's for Smart Growth, etc and am extremely interested our growing by design and not attrition. Having been involved in energy (petroleum) for 50 years +, I know the importance of its need! At the same time Plant Washington's state-of-the-art emissions control technologies will provide another critical need – maximum protection of the environment and health of our people.

It is my sincere desire that your agency approve the necessary permits to expedite the commencement of this much needed project.

Sincerely.

Robert Ryan

President

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Dr. Carol A. Couch Director, Georgia Environmental Protection Division Georgia Department of Natural Resources 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive Suite 1152 East Tower Atlanta, GA 30334

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Environmental Protection Division Director's Office

Dear Dr. Couch,

I am writing in full support of Plant Washington and Power4Georgians.

There are no simple solutions to complex problems; only intelligent alternatives.

Plant Washington is the ONLY intelligent alternative to provide the power to fuel the economic engine required to secure jobs that provide income for our citizens that will in turn provide housing, healthcare and a tax base to provide needed public services.

Hot emotions based on faulty science and scare tactics must be cooled by keeping our eyes intelligently on the long term viability of sustaining, not just growth, but our current lifestyle. As older power plants are taken offline, it is insane to believe that our demand will go down proportionately or that enough capacity can be retrofitted into those plants remaining open to make up the difference.

This is not just a Washington County issue. This is a vital strategic issue for our entire State. Based on the data I have seen, there is only a limited geographic area in Georgia that can accommodate a new power plant. Within that restricted area, the Washington County site is the most ideal based on the current power grid and access to rail lines to supply clean burning coal.

And "YES" there is such a thing as clean burning coal. The fact that a new power plant has not been built in this state in the last 30 years does not mean that research has not developed new methods of more efficiently burning low sulfur coal and more effectively scrubbing the products of combustion.

Your agency has been at the forefront of setting those standards that will make Plant Washington environmentally friendly.

It pains me to see the fear mongers among us who would scare people for no reason than some misguided political agenda. I recall how they told us that it would take a thousand years to overcome the Exxon Valdes accident. Within 10 years, the environment had recovered completely. I am not saying that we should abuse the home God has given us, but rather to

state that in His wisdom, He designed the Earth to heal itself from the ravages if His own making (such as volcanoes and earthquakes) as well as the effects of the other creatures He created – whether Methane gas from cows or campfires of the Pilgrims.

There is no intelligent argument to be made that with the technologies planned for this facility and with the oversight of your agency that we will not have a safe source of power to serve our ever growing need for electricity while offering the maximum protection for our environment and the citizens who live in proximity to the site.

I respectfully ask that you do the right thing for our State and our children: permit the necessary applications with all due haste to allow this project to move forward. Demand for electricity will not wait on Supply. Brownouts, blackouts and inability to attract job producing industry to our State are not options that we are willing to entertain.

Thank you for your service and your boldness to secure our future.

Sincerely

Ralph C. Watson, Jr.

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October 16, 2009

Dr. Carol A. Couch
Director, Georgia Environmental Protection Division
Georgia Department of Natural Resources
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive
Suite 1152 East Tower
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Dr. Couch:

Please accept this letter as confirmation of my support for Plant Washington.

It is my understanding that we are on a course such that by the end of the next decade the power supply in this state will be inadequate to fully address even our basic needs. The thought of possible blackouts, brownouts, and other shortages portends much more than just an inconvenience. I'm concerned that hospitals, law enforcement, and public safety might be severely compromised.

I am hopeful your agency will approve the necessary permits that will allow this project to become a reality.

Yours truly.

Edward Whitehouse Administrator

Sylvan Grove Hospital



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Dr. Carol A. Couch
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Environmental Protection Division Director's Office

Dear Dr. Couch,

Please accept this letter as confirmation of my support for Plant Washington.

I firmly believe that Plant Washington's state-of-the-art emissions control technologies will provide maximum protection for the environment and for the health of my friends and loved ones. I also take great comfort in knowing that your agency will be monitoring Plant Washington and will see to it that operations are always conducted within the strictest of environmental regulations

For the reasons stated above, I whole-heartedly support your approval of the permits required to allow Plant Washington to begin generating electricity from which we will all benefit.

Sincerely,

William B. Chewning

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Dear Mo Couch,

I wish to express my support for Plant Washington and how I feel it would benefit our community. I think it would provide a positive impact by ways of providing tax dollars for schools, public safety and community needs. It would also provide much needed jobs for our area. Also I agree that clean coal is offordable and has lower emissions. I thank you for your attention to this issue.

Sincerely, Foretta Cooper

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Dear Dr. Couch, I am a longtime citizen of Washington County. My husband is a FIFTH generation resident of this county, and my Children and grandchildren also list here. all of us support Plant Washington. Not only will it be good for us locally its generating capability is much Telded to immesse Heorgia's former guid. We cannot wait until the heed power to begin building d'understand that this plant will Deamplants. be sofe and protective of our environment bleause it will emply all modern technologies. Your expertise assures my family that your agency will monitor Plant Washington.
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Alear Dr. Couch. I am writing to support the building of Plant Washington the Clean Coal Plant. We do need to keep our country clean, but we need to use some Sense. Clean Coal, Nuclear energy, Clean Coal, nuclear energy, natural gas and our oil. very important to this country. We need to keep all joks in this country. and the will help everyone that lives in this State and Country. Thanks Robert + Clanna Patter Dear Carol

I approve of Plant Washington, it will provide Clean, appordable power for the state of Lebrora. I like the idea of that Plant Washington will only be available to Lebrorain's. Coal remains a very cost-effective resource and with the economy now deep we need to watch our money and look to the future and how Plant Washington can help.

Kind regards

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#### BEN J. TARBUTTON, JR.

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Sandersville, Georgia 31082

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September 29, 2009

Dr. Carol A. Couch Director, Georgia Environmental Protection Division Georgia Department of Natural Resources 2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive Suite 1152 East Tower Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Dr. Couch:

I am writing to express my full support for the construction of Plant Washington by Power4Georgians. I believe that this plant will have the latest technology, including wet scrubbers, and will be safe, clean and environmentally friendly.

Georgia is one of the fastest growing states in the country and will need this additional electrical generation to sustain this growth.

Washington County badly needs the additional jobs because of the layoffs that have occurred in the kaolin industry.

I have confidence in the Environmental Protection Division in administering the laws that apply and urge you to quickly approve the various permits necessary to begin construction of Plant Washington.

Most sincerely,

Ben J. Tarbutton, Jr.

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To whom it may concern,

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Environmental Protection Division Director's Office

I am supporting the efforts by Power 4 Georgians concerning the pending approval of the various EPD applications for the construction of the power facilities in Washington County. I attended the various meetings held in Washington County concerning the applications and was impressed with the details related to the water, waste, and air plans. It is apparent that both Power 4 Georgians and the Georgia Environmental Protection Division have spent a lot of time and thought concerning this matter.

As a past manager in the kaolin industry I understand the efforts of both industry and government in managing these areas of concern. I am convinced in this situation both parties are committed to providing the citizens of Washington County the least environmental impact possible by implementing state of the art equipment combined with strict application standards. I appreciate your efforts and encourage the approval of all the applications related to the construction of Plant Washington.

Sincerely,

Gary Haynes

3155 Holmes Cannery Road

Sandersville, Ga. 31082

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Dr. Carol A. Couch
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

RE: Plant Washington

Dear Dr. Couch:

I am writing today to let you know that I support Plant Washington. Being from a small community and a business owner, I understand the importance of providing good jobs to the community and surrounding area. It is my understanding that Plant Washington will provide close to 130 full-time jobs and over 1500 much needed construction jobs during the construction phase of the project. With the current state of the economy, providing permanent and temporary employment is very important.

I have every confidence that with technological advancements in coal-fired power and regulatory oversight, Plant Washington will protect our environment and the health of our people and provide the energy needed to grow our state and economy.

I am hopeful your staff and agency will approve the necessary permits that will allow this project to move forward meeting the future needs for jobs and energy during these tough economic times.

Sincerely,

Adam McGinnis

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October 21, 2009

Dr. Carol A. Couch Director, Georgia Environmental Protection Division Georgia Department of Natural Resources 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive Suite 1151 East Tower Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Dr. Couch,

I am a customer of Snapping Shoals EMC and have been since 1988. This letter is to let you know that I support the Plant Washington project. Our Country, in my opinion, is far behind in building power plants to provide for the quickly growing needs of an expanding population. The Southeast in general and Georgia in particular is growing fast and this growth will accelerate as Baby Boomers retire and move south to get away from snow and cold weather. This northern influx is in addition to strong economic development activities to bring new industry to Georgia that will require power. We have to be ready to meet the additional power demands this growth will require.

The concern with this plant is environmental but with today's technologies coal fired plants can be built to be clean, safe, and environmentally friendly. We should not fear new power plants but embrace them as "power for the future" in addition to today's high demands.

Plant Washington is critical to meet our growing power requirements. It will be clean, safe, and environmentally friendly. I request you approve the permits allowing this plant to be built as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

Glenn Sears

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Dr. Carol A. Couch
Director, Georgia Environmental Protection Division
Georgia Department of Natural Resources
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive
Suite 1152 East Tower
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Dr. Couch,

I am writing to you today to express my support of the efforts of Power4Georgians to build and operate Plant Washington. Georgia will need every megawatt of electricity Plant Washington can produce and place on the State's power grid and at the same time will provide much needed full-time jobs in Washington County delivering over seven million dollars in new wages and benefits.

I would suggest to you that our state is on a course such that by the end of the next decade the power supply will be inadequate to fully address demand, much less our basic needs. I am addressing specifically the energy needs of hospitals, law enforcement, and public safety which, I'm sure you will agree could be severely compromised by blackouts, brownouts, and other energy shortages.

You and your agency are obviously charged with the responsibility to fully evaluate this enterprise and determine if it is in the best interest of the State, and more specifically Washington County. I have taken a close look at the issues related to the construction and operation of Plant Washington and I have a high level of confidence that the technologies planned for this plant will assure the facility will address the growing need for electricity, all the while offering the maximum protection for human health and our environment. I have even spoken to many people in Washington County, finding a great deal of support for the project. Along with these local residents and as a taxpayer in the great State of Georgia, I anticipate your decision to issue the permits necessary to build Plant Washington.

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October 26, 2009



Dr. Carol A. Couch
Director, Georgia Environmental Protection Division
Georgia Department of Natural Resources
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive
Suite 1152 East Tower
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Dr. Couch:

Please accept this letter as confirmation of my support for Plant Washington, in Washington County near Sandersville, Georgia. As a citizen of Monroe County, home of Plant Scherer, one of the largest single generating coal plants, I benefit daily from having such a facility in our community.

Monroe County is very fortunate to have this industry as a partner and Washington County could realize the same benefits, if allowed to construct Plant Washington. Such a plant provides, opportunities for short and long-term jobs not only in its respective community, but also the surrounding region. These are jobs that our state and nation desperately need in a declining economy. Furthermore, such an industry generates essential tax revenues that help assure the long-term fiscal health of the county and State.

While concerns have been demonstrated about the safety and welfare of Washington County citizens, it has been demonstrated that the necessary regulatory oversight is provided to protect the environment and health from any negative impacts of such an industry. Furthermore, technology is being explored continually on how to improve such a process and decrease cost.

Lastly, as the needs for electrical capacity continue to escalate, the additional megawatts produced at Plant Washington could play a vital part in meeting the future energy needs of Georgia. It is my hopes that your agency will approve the necessary permits that will allow this project to become a reality.

Thank you for your consideration,

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Dr. Carol Couch Director, Georgia Environmental Protection Division Georgia Department of Natural Resources 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive Suite 1152 East Tower Atlanta, Georgia 30334



Dear Dr. Couch,

I fully support the construction of Plant Washington. I worked with the Tennessee Valley Authority for nineteen years, and I realize the importance of pre-planning for the needs of our state. The time to prepare for the future is now. Plant Washington will provide the power for the future of Georgia and will generate the jobs our local economy so desperately needs. The plant will have a ripple effect on the local economy from job creation to tax revenue to improvements in the local infrastructure.

I'm not a resident of Washington County, Georgia, but I have enjoyed hunting privileges in the area. I believe in being a good steward and protecting our natural resources. I am confident that with the advancements in clean coal technology and the oversight of the Environmental Protection Division that Plant Washington will be an asset for the county and the state.

I ask that you take my comments into consideration.

Sincerely.

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October 27, 2009

Acting Director
Georgia Environmental Protection Division
Georgia DNR
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Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Development Authority of Jasper County supports the building of Plant Washington.

Georgia needs an ample supply of electricity to continue attracting industry and growth to our state. Jobs follow dependable energy. This plant will help our entire region and state.

I hope your Agency will approve the necessary permits.

Yours truly,

David Dyer Chairman

Development Authority of Jasper County